

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

10/035,217

TAKENOUCHI, KAZUYA, et al.

Divisional of Appln. No.: 09/830,167

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For: VITAMIN D3 DERIVATIVE AND TREATING AGENT FOR INFLAMMATORY

RESPIRATORY DISEASE USING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a Divisional of Application No. 09/830,167 filed April 23, 2001, the disclosure of

which is incorporated herein by reference.

Page 6, please delete the paragraph at lines 18-19 with formulas (1-1) to (1-5), and

replace it with the following new paragraph:

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